[Mr. K. Madhavan Pillai.]

(2) What was the number of pupils who sat for the examination and what was the number that passed?

(3) What was the percentage of success amongst the first year students in class VII?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) 8,063 at the beginning, and 8,206 at the end, of the year.

(2) 4,167 pupils sat for the examination, of whom 1,273 passed.

(3) The information is being collected.

Travancore Economic Journal in Malayalam.

8. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are satisfied with the agency that conducts the publication of the Travancore Economic Journal in Malayalam?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the affirmative.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Now that they are satisfied with the Malayalam edition, will the Government be pleased to consider the recommendation of the Economic Development Board to publish this journal in Tamil also?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Though it does not arise strictly as a supplementary question, I may say that the matter will be considered.

Contracts for the Supply of Arrack.

9. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): With reference to the answer given to interpellation No. 200, asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 7th Medam 1101, will the Government be pleased to furnish information on the following points:—

(*a*) whether tenders were invited at the time when the period of contract for the supply of arrack was raised from two to four years;

(*b*) if so, the number of Travancoreans who sent in their tenders, together with their names and the amounts of their respective tenders;

(*c*) whether any of the Travancoreans who sent in tenders were given the contract; and, if so, their names and the amounts of their respective tenders;

(*d*) the names of the persons who are now given the contract for four years and also their contract amounts;

(*e*) the names of the persons who were given contracts since 1096, and the contract amount of each of them; and

(*f*) (i) whether any Travancoreans applied for this contract since 1096; and

(ii) if so, whether they were given the contracts; and, if not, the reasons for not giving the contracts to them?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Messrs. T. V. Krishna Aiyar and partners, Vadiveesvaram, Nagercoil. The supply rates quoted by them were Bh. Rs. 2-6-7

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per proof gallon of jaggery arrack and Bh. Rs. 6-6-0 per proof gallon of toddy arrack. For the Devicolam arrack farm, they offered an annual rental of Rs. 30,000.

(*c*) The answer to the first part of the question is in the negative. The second part of the question does not therefore arise.

(*d*) Messrs. Fraser and Ross, C. A., the Receivers and Managers of the Nadar Estate. The supply rates for the 1102-1103 contract are Bh. Rs. 2-5-6 per proof gallon of jaggery arrack and Bh. Rs. 6-6-0 per proof gallon of toddy arrack. The rental for the Devicolam arrack farm is Rs. 40,000 per annum. The rates for the 1104-1105 contracts will be settled at the end of the current biennium with reference to the then prevailing prices of jaggery and other materials required for distillation.

(*e*)

Years.	Names of contractors.	Supply rate per proof gallon of jaggery arrack.			Supply rate per proof gallon of toddy arrack.			Annual rental for the Devicolam arrack farm.
		B. Rs.	as.	p.	B. Rs.	as.	p.	S. Rs.
1096—97	Mr. V. Balagoruswami Nadar	2	5	1¾	2	10	10¾	36,000
1098—99	Do.	2	6	6¾	4	0	10¾	36,000
1100—01	Messrs. Fraser and Ross C. A., Receivers and Managers of the Nadar Estate.	2	6	6	6	6	0	36,500

(*f*) (i) and (ii) Messrs. S. Subrahmanya Karayalar of Shencotta and Chattanatha Karayalar, his son, applied for the contracts for 1100-1101, besides Mr. Krishna Aiyar and partners for the period referred to. The contracts were not given to them as Mr. Subrahmanya Karayalar had then on hand a very important salt contract requiring a large capital for its management and as it was not thought desirable to entrust him with another important business. After the contracts were given away, Mr. Subrahmanya Karayalar and Mr. K. Anantanarayana Aiyar, retired Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner, sent a joint application. Being too late, it was not considered.

The Puttallom.

10. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state the total area, in acres, of the Puttallom?

(2) Of this, what is the area, in acres, licensed for the cultivation of salt?

(3) (*a*) Is the whole of the licensed area now under salt cultivation?

(*b*) If not, what is the area that is not under cultivation?

(4) (*a*) Are there *tarisu* lands in the Puttallom, which are not licensed for salt cultivation?

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